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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--13 SEPTEMBER 1963

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. AN UNDERCURRENT OF SUSPICION PERVADES SAIGON AS THE GOVERNMENT PRESSES ITS CAMPAIGN TO CURB DISPLAYS OF DISAFFECTION.

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EMPLOYED BY US AGENCIES HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR DELIBERATE GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT.

C. MILITARY UNITS CONTINUE TO BE SHIFTED FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN THE SAIGON AREA. SOME ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.

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D. THE REGIME'S EFFORTS TO CRACK DOWN HARD ON THE STUDENTS CONTINUED YESTERDAY.

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2. CUBA-MILITARY:

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SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL REMAINING IN CUBA ARE EITHER TRAINING AND ADVISING CUBANS OR ORGANIZED IN UNITS MANNING SAM, RADAR AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

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3. PAKISTAN-JAPAN:

A. PAKISTAN HAS TURNED TO JAPAN FOR HELP IN DEVELOPING AN UPPER ATMOSPHERE AND SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

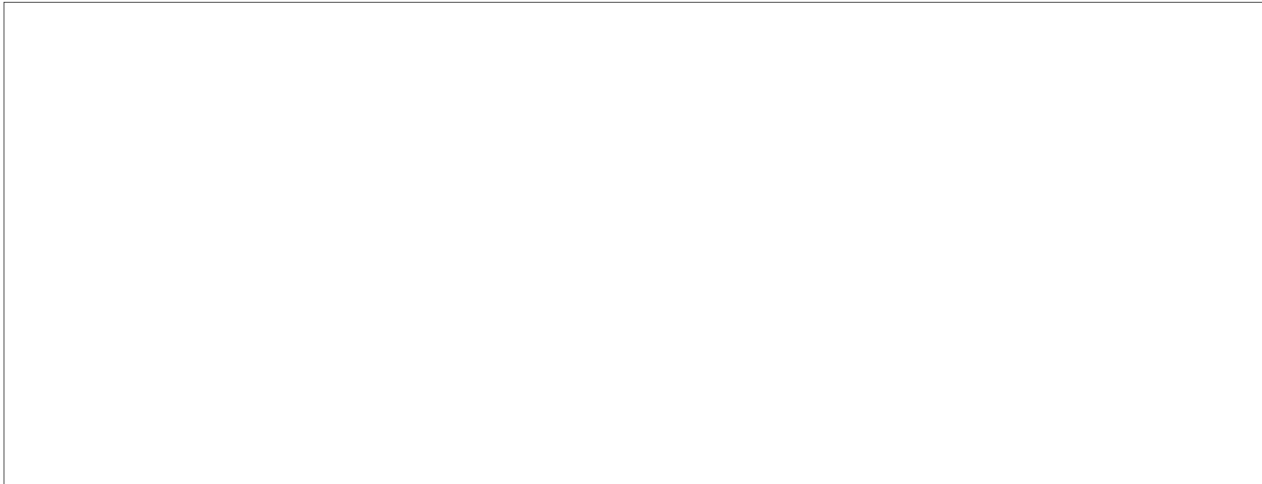
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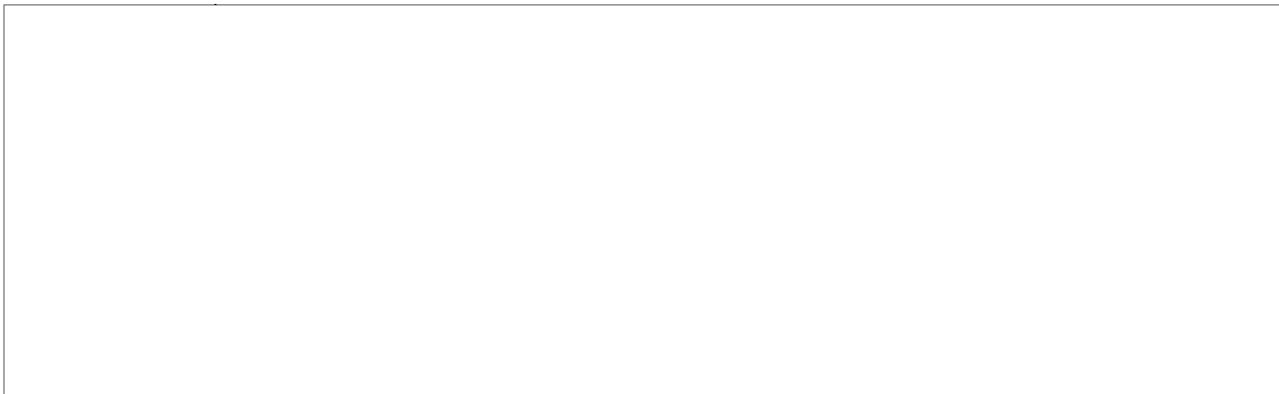


4. MALAYSIA:

A. U THANT SAYS THE UN SURVEY TEAM CONCLUDED THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE POPULACE IN NORTH BORNEO IS IN FAVOR OF MALAYSIA. IN SARAWAK THE TEAMS FOUND THE MALAYS AND DYAKS IN FAVOR, BUT THE CHINESE, ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION, WERE OPPOSED.

B. HE HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE INDONESIANS BRANDING THE SURVEY AS TOO HASTY AND SUPERFICIAL.

C. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S OWN FINDINGS ARE DUE SATURDAY. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT THEY WOULD BE. MALAYSIA ITSELF IS TO BE PROCLAIMED MONDAY.



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6. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:

A. PEIPING HAS ADDED AN OPEN BID FOR SUPPORT FROM ANTI-KHRUSHCHEV ELEMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION TO ITS GROWING ATTACK ON KHRUSHCHEV AND HIS ASSOCIATES.

B. KHRUSHCHEV IS NO LONGER REFERRED TO INVARIABLY AS "COMRADE" OR "CHAIRMAN." HIGHLY INSULTING AND SCURRILOUS LANGUAGE IS USED IN ATTACKING HIM.

C. THE CHINESE YESTERDAY INCLUDED IN A LENGTHY DEFENSE OF STALIN CHARGE THAT THE PRESENT SOVIET LEADERS ARE "ISOLATED" FROM THE RUSSIAN MASSES.

D. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE HOPE THEIR STRONG WORDS WILL BRING DOWN KHRUSHCHEV, BUT THEY APPARENTLY DO FEEL THEY WILL STRIKE A RESPONSIVE CHORD IN SOME SOVIET CIRCLES AND AMONG MILITANT COMMUNISTS ELSEWHERE.

7. NOTES:

A. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV'S AMBITIOUS PLAN TO GIVE HIS CHEMICAL INDUSTRY A BOOST MAY BE GETTING OFF THE GROUND. A JAPANESE FIRM HAS OFFERED TO SUPPLY FIFTEEN CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANTS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC FIBER FACILITIES.

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THE SOVIETS HAVE ALSO SOUGHT HELP FOR THE PROGRAM FROM BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS. [REDACTED]

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B. AUSTRIA-USSR: THE AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME [REDACTED] IN MOSCOW CONFERRING [REDACTED] WITH SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER MALINOVSKY AND AIRFORCE CHIEF VERESHININ. THE AUSTRIAN MAY HAVE TOUCHED ON HIS DESIRE, EXPRESSED EARLIER TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN VIENNA, FOR AN INTERPRETATION OF THE PEACE TREATY THAT WOULD ALLOW AUSTRIA SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES.

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C. MEXICO-CUBA: MEXICANA AIRLINES HAS BEEN ASKED TO HELP MOVE SOME 1,000 PASSENGERS FROM MEXICO CITY TO HAVANA IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING ARCHITECTS' CONFERENCE. FOR ITS PART CUBANA HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO FLY FOUR EXTRA FLIGHTS. THE MEXICANS WISH TO COOPERATE IN THIS SINCE THEY ARE SPONSORING SEVERAL ARCHITECTS' MEETINGS IN THE WEEKS AFTER THE HAVANA MEETING.

D. BRITISH GUINEA: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT JAGAN MET [REDACTED] YESTERDAY WITH OPPOSITION LEADER FORBES BURNHAM. THE TALK IS THAT JAGAN "WILL SPRING A SURPRISE" WHEN HE SPEAKS BEFORE A UN SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY.

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